Work Establishment hands.

22. *Mr. V. Sankara Menon (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the appointment in the permanent establishment is made in the Electrical Department from the qualified and experienced work Establishment hands;

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon (*Electrical Engineer to Government*): The question has not been decided. It is engaging the attention of Government.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai (*Kalkulam and Vilavancode* cum *Neyyattinkara*): The member who has put the original question is not present now and therefore may I put a question?

President: You may put a question.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: Am I to understand from the answer that no appointment has been made so far?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon: No such promotions have been made so far.

Supply of crude oil to punja ryots.

23. *Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state what arrangements they have made with the oil companies to ensure the regular supply of crude oil to punja ryots in Kuttanad for the ensuing year 1118?

Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is understood that the oil companies are ready to meet the full requirements of the Punja ryots for the forthcoming pumping season.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know whether Government have any written assurance from the oil companies ensuring the regular supply of crude oil?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: The companies have written to Government that if conditions will permit, they will ensure the regular supply of oil.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know whether the price of oil has been fixed with the companies?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: The companies have promised that the rates will not be raised.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know whether there is any undue profiteering made by the merchants in the sale of crude oil at present?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: There have been a few reports of such character.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know the action taken by Government in that matter?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: So far—

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President : The Agent of that company was here recently and their Chief Inspector has assured us that they will take away the supply of oil from those agents who are unduly profiteering.

Mr. E. K. Kuriyype (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : ഈ ആയിൽ എവിടയാണ് സൂക്ഷിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതെന്നു പറയുമോ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : The various agents have got the oil in stock.

Mr. E. K. Kuriyype : തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെവിടെയെങ്കിലും സൂക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ. അതോ പെട്ടിയിൽ വല്ലയിടത്തുമാണോ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : There are stocks within the State also. Stocks are coming from outside too.

Mr. E. G. Salter (*Director of Transport*) : Sir, I may be permitted to say a word in this connection. I remember to have made a statement before the House two days ago with reference to the supply of diesel oil. I explained then the method by which it is proposed to distribute that oil to the ryots in Kuttanad. I also informed the House then that the oil companies have realised the importance of adequate supply of oil to the State and therefore have agreed to supply the whole quota without any cut. If it is ever found that dealers are supplying it to bonafide ryots at undue profits, the companies have promised to take away the supply of oil from those organisations engaged in undue profiteering. However, the companies have promised to ensure a steady supply of oil and necessary steps have been taken to distribute the same through a non-official rationing organisation.

Supply of Electricity to Cochin.

24. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have entered into an agreement with the Government of Cochin for the supply of electricity from Pallivasal;

(*b*) if so, the date of that agreement ; and

(*c*) the terms of the same ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : (*a*) No formal agreement has been entered into ;

(*b*) and (*c*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Mr. K. M. Kesavan : May I know whether the matter is even now under the consideration of Government ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : Yes, Sir.

Mr. E. K. Kuriyype : എത്രമൻതു എന്നത്തേക്കു നടക്കും?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : It is not possible to say Sir,

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